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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EAID NL  
SUBJECT: DUTCH CABINET REASSESES AID TO CUBA

1. THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT MAY HALT ITS AID TO CUBA IN 1979. DURING THE GENERAL POLITICAL DEBATES IN THE FIRST CHAMBER ON FEBRUARY 15, PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT SAID HIS CABINET WAS CLOSELY WATCHING CUBA'S ACTIONS IN AFRICA. THIS YEAR'S AID COMMITMENT TO CUBA OF 15 MILLION GUILDERS (ONE DOLLAR NOW EQUALS 2.24 GUILDERS) WILL BE HONORED, ACCORDING TO VAN AGT, BUT A DEFINITE DECISION WHETHER TO CONTINUE AID NEXT YEAR WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEXT BUDGET IS PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER.

2. VAN AGT'S STAND REFLECTS THE MAJORITY OPINION OF HIS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT AID TO CUBA SHOULD BE STOPPED NEXT YEAR BECAUSE CUBA IS NO LONGER ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES AND BECAUSE IT IS INTERFERING IN  
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AFRICA. THE OTHER COALITION PARTY, THE LIBERAL PARTY, WANTED TO STOP AID TO CUBA IMMEDIATELY BUT HAS ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

3. FORMER DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER, PRONK, PRESENTLY A SECOND CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY, TOLD THE CHAMBER ON FEBRUARY 15 HE IS IN

FAVOR OF CONTINUING TO ASSIST CUBA.

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